

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on January 24, 2005, in which claims 1-6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. With this Amendment, claims 1-6 are amended, such that the pending claims are 1-6.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1-6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the Applicant regards as the invention. With this Amendment, all of the Examiner's rejections have been addressed, and claims 1-6 have been amended consistent with the requirements set by the Examiner. Specifically, claims 1 and 3 were amended to delete unnecessary phrases in the claim language, claims 1, 2, and 4-6 were amended to correct grammatical or punctuation errors, and claims 2 and 3 were amended to include the word "The" at the beginning of the preamble.

Additional amendments have been made to claims 1-6, aside from those required by the Examiner, to correct grammatical errors, change capitalization, provide for proper antecedent basis, and delete unnecessary phrases in the claim language.

None of the amendments made to claims 1-6 have the effect of narrowing any of the pending claims.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, all pending claims 1-6 are in condition for allowance. A notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is cordially invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below if such a call would in any way facilitate the allowance of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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